

4428 Croscont Road Spring Hill, FL 34606 February 27, 1996

Florida Department of State Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State Division of Corportations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

re: Application for Incorporation

Madam Secreatry:

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Please find enclosed attached heretowith the above referenced application. Also enclosed you will find a check for the filing fee of \$70.00

Your attention and assistance in this endeavor are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Incorporator

SECRETARY OF STATE

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

FLORIDA STATE CHURCHES OF THE LIVING GOD DIOCESE #1, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this corporation is FLORIDA STATE CHURCHES OF THE LIVING GOD DIOCESE #1, INC., which is affiliated with the HOUSE OF GOD WHICH IS THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH, A Pennsylvania Corporation, not for profit. The principal address of this corporation is: 1100 Bethume Drive, Orlando, Florida.

ARTICLE II-DURATION

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III-PURPOSE

- 1. The general purposes for which the Corporation is organized are the following:
 - A. Operate churches and related activities exclusively for such religious purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
 - B. To receive by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, and from any private or public sources, personal or real property, and to hold, administer, sell, invest, reinvest, manage, use, disburse and distribute and apply the income and/or principal of the same in accordance with the directions and intent of the donor or donors or such property, or, in the absence of such directions, as the corporation may deem best from time to time, for the promotion of any and all of the foregoing purposes.

- C. Generally to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on non-profit corporations under the laws of Florida, or which may herafter be conferred, including the power to contract, rent, buy or sell personal or real property; provided, however, that this corporation shall not, accept to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of this corporation.

 D. To do any and all things, either alone or in cooperation with other organizations or institutions, and either directly or by contribution to such other organizations or institutions, which it may deem necessary or proper in order to carry into effect any or all of the foregoing objects or purposes.
- E. Nothing herein shall authorize this corporation directly or indirectly, to engage in or include amoung its purposes, any activity not authorized by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes or which in any way would jeopardize or inhibit this corporation's recognition as a nonprofit corporation with tax exempt status under applicable state and federal statutes.
- 2. In addition to the general purposes the following specific purposes shall apply:
 - A. The purpose for which the corporation is organized are to receive and maintain real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter setforth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

- No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director or Officer of the corporation or any member of the corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation maybe paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no Director or Officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- D. The corporation shall not engage in any act of selfdealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- E. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- F. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- G. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions

of any subsequent federal tax laws.

- II. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may herafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
 - Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors (1) shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are ogranized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IV-QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications for members (Churches) and the manner of their admission are:

Every contributor of cash donations or cash equivalent, shall thereby

become a member (Church) of the corporation and shall be entitled to voice opinions and votes at the annual meeting of the members (churches) during the annual year of the corporation following the contribution. Failure to make an annual cash donation, or cash equivalent contribution shall automatically terminate the membership (Church Affliation) of the contributor for the following annual year of the corporation. Further qualifications and specifes as to membership (Church Affliation) notifications shall be regulated by the by-laws of the corporation provided they are not inconsistent with these article.

ARTICILE V-INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1604 South Long Lane, Apopka, Florida 32703, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Arthur L. Florence.

ARTICLE VI-INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

This corporation shall have six (6) Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

DIRECTORS

<u>name</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Leroy Bellamy	806 Leroy Bellamy Road, Inverness, Fl 34450
Theodore N. Brown	211 "C" Street, Brooksville, FL 34601
Mae F. Chester	1119 W. South Street, Orlando, FL 32805
Phillip H. Lewis Sr.	2513 NW 3rd Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
Juanita Smalley	935 N. Chester St. , Leesburg, FL 32748
I. Delores S. Ward	2 Leisure Wood Way, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

OFFICERS

NAME

ADDRESS

Josse J. White Sr. Prosident 30 Overhill Road, West Hartford, CT 06117

Willie Brown, Sr.

205 "B" Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Vice-Prosident

7295 NW 54th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33319

Gwandolyn Bembry Secretary

235 "B" Street, Brooksville, FL 34601

Juanita Washington

Treasurer

ARTICLE VII-STOCKS

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE VIII-INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

NAME

ADDRESS

Brenda H. Benford

4428 Crescent Road, Spring Hill, FL 34606

Dated this day of February 27, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the incorporator of this corporation has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

Signature of Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process of the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligation of Section 607.325 Florida Statutes.

Contained Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared BRENDA H. BENFORD, known to be and known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and she acknowledged before me that they executed those Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the State and County aforesald, this 29th day of February, 1996.

State of Florida at Large My commission expires:

OPPICIAL NOTARY SEAL MARY G WILLIAMS NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA

COMMISSION NO. CC378340 MY COMMISSION EXP. DEC. 10,1997